

III. Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 35-52 are pending in the application Claims 35, 36, 41, 44, 45, and 50 are independent.

The undersigned and Applicants would like to thank Examiner Valentin for his very instructive comments made in the Response to Arguments portion of the February 9, 2006 Office Action. The Examiner's excellent comments were instrumental in preparing the claim amendments set forth herein.

Claims 35-43 were rejected as being unpatentable over Kalley and Applicants' discussion of prior art, as set forth on pages 3-6 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully traverse all art rejections for the reasons of record in this case. It is submitted that the adoption of the Examiner's kind suggestions will overcome the rejections of record.

Applicant has added new Claims 44-52 to afford themselves a scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. The new claims are fully supported in the specification and Drawings, and are believed to be allowable as they also contain the subject matter of the Examiner's suggestions.

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3507. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard P. Bauer", written over a horizontal line.

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